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Congress hears ideas for aviation security

Silicon Valley high tech companies got a chance to show off state-of-the-art security equipment Wednesday to members of Congress even as the House of Representatives was closing down because of an anthrax scare.

"By educating members of Congress on cutting-edge applications like biometrics and other new technologies we can create a safer, more efficient airport security system that will ease current burdens on commerce and air travel while revitalizing the technology sector of our economy," says U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose, one of the sponsors of the forum.

"By being allowed to showcase our technology at forums like these we can continue to educate key decisions makes in Congress about voiceprint authentication-a unique technology that can be put into place very quickly to improve security without compromising convenience, safety or efficiency," says Chuck Buffum, CEO of Vocent Solutions Inc. in Silicon Valley.

In addition to Vocent, the other companies at the meeting included @Road, Identix, and Recognitions Systems, Inc. The companies also gave demonstrations of the latest technologies to improve aviation security.

Mr. Honda is a co-author of legislation which would implement a pilot program to test and evaluate the latest aviation security technology.



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